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# Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

## Note by the Secretary-General

**Addendum**

1. By its resolution 1985/17, the Economic and Social Council decided to establish a Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to undertake functions relating to the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and to assist the Council in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Covenant. The current membership of the Committee is given in the annex to the present note.

2. The term of office of the following members will expire on 31 December 2006: Clement Atangana (Cameroon), Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines), Arundhati Ghose (India), Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal), Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria), Yuri Kolosov (Russian Federation), Jaime Marchan Romero (Ecuador), Eibe Riedel (Germany) and Alvaro Tirado Mejia (Colombia).

3. In 2006, the Council is to elect nine members of the Committee for a four-year term, beginning on 1 January 2007. In a note verbale dated 23 December 2005, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee. A list of the persons nominated, along with their biographical information, will be issued in document E/2006/9/Add.17.

4. The regional distribution of vacant seats to be filled by the Council is presented in the table below. It is calculated in accordance with Council resolution 1985/17, subparagraph (b), which specifies that, of the 18 seats on the Committee, 15 seats will be equally distributed among the regional groups, while the additional 3 seats will be allocated in accordance with the increase in the total number of States parties per regional group. As of 10 May 2006, the Covenant will have

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entered into force for 152 States parties.[1] Their distribution by regional group is presented below (in column *a*), together with the number of seats to be allocated to each region according to resolution 1985/17 (column *b*). For each regional group, deducting from the number of seats allocated, the number of seats for members whose term ends in 2008 (column *c*) yields the number of vacant seats to be filled by the Council in 2006 (column *d*).

| | (a) | (b) | (c) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Regional group* | *States parties as 1 March 2005* | *Seats allocated* | *Number of seats held (term expiring in 2008)* | *S (201* |
| African States | 48 | 4 | 2 | |
| Asian States | 29 | 4 | 2 | |
| Eastern European States | 22 | 3 | 2 | |
| Latin American and Caribbean States | 26 | 3 | 1 | |
| Western European and other States | 27 | 4 | 2 | |
| **Total** | **152** | **18** | **9** | |

[1] In addition, the Covenant was ratified by Indonesia on 23 February 2006. In accordance with article 27 (2) of the Covenant, the Covenant enters into force three months after the date of the deposit by a State with the Secretary-General of its own instrument of ratification or instrument of accession. Thus, as the Covenant will enter into force on 26 May 2006, Indonesia may not be included among the States parties for the purposes of the present election.

## Annex

# Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**(18 members; four-year term)**

## Membership in 2006

| | *Term expires on 31 December* |
|---|---|
| Mohamed Ezzeldin **Adel-Moneim** (Egypt) | 2008 |
| Clement **Atangana** (Cameroon) | 2006 |
| Rocio **Barahona Riera** (Costa Rica) | 2008 |
| Virginia **Bonoan-Dandan** (Philippines) | 2006 |
| Arundhati **Ghose** (India) | 2006 |
| Maria Virginia **Bras Gomes** (Portugal) | 2006 |
| Azzouz **Kerdoun** (Algeria) | 2006 |
| Yuri **Kolosov** (Russian Federation) | 2006 |
| Giorgio **Malinverni** (Switzerland) | 2008 |
| Jaime **Marchan Romero** (Ecuador) | 2006 |
| Sergei N. **Martynov** (Belarus) | 2008 |
| Ariranga Govindasamy **Pillay** (Mauritius) | 2008 |
| Eibe **Riedel** (Germany) | 2006 |
| Andrzej **Rzeplinski** (Poland) | 2008 |
| Waleed M. **Sa'di** (Jordan) | 2008 |
| Yongxiang **Shen** (China) | 2008 |
| Philippe **Texier** (France) | 2008 |
| Alvaro **Tirado Mejia** (Colombia) | 2006 |

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### Note by the Secretary-General

**Addendum**

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in resolution 1985/17 of the Economic and Social Council, is outlined in document E/2006/9/Add.16. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.

2. In a note verbale dated 23 December 2005, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the Covenant to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee by 22 March 2006.

3. Basic information on the nominations received is presented in the table set out below. Biographical information on each candidate is contained in the annex.

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| Regional group | Number of experts currently serving in 2006 | Number of experts whose terms expire in 2007 | Name of expert |
|---|---|---|---|
| African States | 2 | 1 | Mr. Clement **Atangana** (Cameroon) |
| | | | Mr. Khalil Anyas Omar Al-Hasnawi **Kamanga** (United Republic of Tanzania) |
| | | | Mr. Azzedine **Kerdoun**[a] (Algeria) |
| Asian States | 2 | 2 | Ms. Virginia **Bonoan-Dandan** (Philippines) |
| | | | Mr. Chandrashekhar **Dasgupta** (India) |
| Eastern European States | 1 | 1 | Mr. Yuri **Kolosov**[a] (Russian Federation) |
| Latin American and Caribbean States | 2 | 2 | Mr. Jaime **Marchán Romero**[a] (Ecuador) |
| | | | Mr. Alvaro **Tirado Mejía**[a] (Colombia) |
| Western European and other States | 2 | 2 | Ms. Maria Virginia **Bras Gomes**[a] (Portugal) |
| | | | Mr. Eibe **Riedel**[a] (Germany) |
| **Total** | 9 | 10 | |

[a] Currently serving as a member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

## Annex

# Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

### Clément Atangana (Cameroon)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1941, Ekoumeyek, Cameroon
Working languages: French, English, Spanish
Sex: Male

### Current position/function

Judge of the Supreme Court of Cameroon since 1991
President of the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court since June 2005

### Education

High school degree in applied sciences
Undergraduate degree in private law
Graduate of the National College of Administration and Magistrates (ENAM, Yaoundé)
Graduate of the International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP, Paris)

### Professional activities

Member of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, since 1999
President of the Administrative Chamber of the Supreme Court, 1997-1999
President of the Central Court of Appeal (Yaoundé), 1989-1991
Procurator-General of the Court of Appeal of Garoua, 1988-1989
Deputy Director of Legal Affairs and Justice, Ministry of Justice, 1981-1988
President of First Instance *hors classe* of Yaoundé, 1980-1981
President of the Court of First Instance of Sangmelima, responsible for public action, 1978-1980
Judge of Court of First Instance of Yaoundé, 1977-1978
Judge of Court of First Instance of Mora, responsible for public action, 1975-1977
Judge of Court of First Instance of Douala, 1974-1975
President of the Court of First Instance of Bafia, responsible for public action, 1971
Judge of the Court of First Instance of Nkongsamba, 1969-1971

### Current international appointments

Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 1999, Vice-Chairperson 2001-2003

**Participation in international events**

Seminar at the International Law Institute, Rome, 1986
Colloquium on human rights, Lomé (Togo), 1987
Observer on the Committee against Torture, Geneva, 1993-1995
Seminar on human rights, New York, 1996
Participated in numerous international seminars on human rights since 1999

**Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines)**

Date and place of birth: 10 September 1941, Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines
Working languages: English, Spanish and French
Sex: Female

**Current position/function**

Dean, University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, since 2001
Professor of Fine Arts, University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts, since 1978
Chairperson, Curriculum Committee, Cluster for Arts and Humanities, since 2001

**Education**

Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of the Philippines, 1978
Master of Arts in Anthropology, University of the Philippines, 1987
PhD Anthropology, University of the Philippines, 1994

**Current international appointments**

Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Member of the Committee since 1991, Rapporteur 1993 – 1997, Chairperson since 1998)
Advisory Board Member, Peoples' International Movement for Human Rights Education, New York, since 1998
Advisory Board Member, Rights and Humanity International, London, since 1993
Advisory Board Member, Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva, since 1998

**Professional Experience**

University of the Philippines:

Chairperson, Visual Arts Selection Committee, Gawad Chancellor Awards 2004
Chairperson, President's Committee for Culture and the Arts, 2002-2005
Graduate Program Coordinator, College of Fine Arts, 1995-1998
Chairperson, Department of Theory, College of Fine Arts, 1995-1998
Director of Publications, Office of Research Coordination, 1989-1992

Research Program Leader, *Traditional Art Forms in Luzon*, College of Fine Arts, 1987-1991
Member, Social Science and Humanities Research Committee, 1989-1992
College Secretary, College of Fine Arts, 1982-1986
Member, President's Committee on Culture and the Arts, 1985-1987
Chairperson, Department of Studio Arts, College of Fine Arts, 1981-1986

Other:

Consultant for Cultural Rights, Department of Foreign Affairs, 1988-1991
Commissioner, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, 1990-1996
Coordinator and Visiting Faculty, Philippine High School for the Arts, 1981-1985
Editor, *Philippine Art Supplement*, Cultural Center of the Philippines, 1980-1985
Training Director, SEAMEO Projects for Archaeology and Fine Arts, Teacher-Training Courses for the Visual Arts, 1980-1985

**Selected Research and Publications**

*The Right to Development Project: Philippines Country Study*, Project Coordinator, commissioned by the Harvard School of Public Health, 2004
"Monitoring, Supervision and Dialogue in the Human Rights System, Challenges for the UN Development Agencies," *SCN News*, no. 18, WHO, Geneva, pp. 34-38
*Philippine Icons and the Concept of Worship*, 1996
"A View beyond Beijing," publication of a Symposium on Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region – Toward Partnership for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Tokyo, 1995
*Encuentro de Dos Mundos*, completed in 1994, funded by UNESCO
*Traditional Arts of the Higaonon of Bukidnon*, 1994, funded by UNESCO
*Peace and Human Rights Education through Art*, 1991 and 1992, funded by UNESCO
"Profile of the Samoki Women," *Review of Women's Studies*, vol. 1, no. 1, University of the Philippines, pp. 2-14.
*Traditional Art Forms in Luzon*, 1987-1991, funded by DOST-U.P. Diliman
*In-Depth Study of International Education in Southeast Asia*, 1991, funded by UNESCO-PROAP
*Human Rights Education through Popular Theatre*, 1991 and 1992, commissioned by UNESCO-PROAP
*Dimensions of the Right to Take Part in Cultural Life*, sponsored by the Center for Integrative and Development Studies, University of the Philippines, 1980-1985
"Images of the Filipino Woman," *Women, Policy and Action*, National Commission on the Status of Women, Manila, March 1987.

**Participation in recent international seminars and conferences**

International Conference on Education Policy and the Law, organized by the European Association for Law and Policy in Education, Amsterdam, November 2004, Keynote Speaker

Workshop on the Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Northeast Asia, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Chairperson
World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, January 2002, Keynote Speaker
Looking Back and Looking Forward: the Work of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organized by the University of Hong Kong, September 2002, Public Lecture Speaker
Expert Seminar on the *Draft Guidelines on a Human Rights Approach to Poverty Reduction Strategies*, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, June 2002, Chairperson
International Roundtable on the Right to Take Part in Cultural Life, Quezon City, Philippines, February 2002, Convenor, in cooperation with UNESCO
Workshop on the Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Southeast Asia, Manila, organized by the Philippine Judicial Academy in cooperation with UNDP, September 2001, Resource Person
Contributed to numerous regional, international events on general human rights or on specific economic, social and cultural rights (full list available from the Secretariat)

**Maria Virginia Brás Gomes (Portugal)**

Date and place of birth: 10 March 1951, Goa, India
Working languages: English and French
Sex: Female

**Current position/function**

Head of the Department for Social Research and International Relations of the Directorate-General of Social Security, Family and Children, of the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, in charge of planning and evaluation and staff monitoring and supervision in the fields of social research and analysis and international cooperation
Representative of the Directorate-General, of the Ministry and of the country in the European Union and the United Nations Organisation
Coordination of and/or participation in relevant interdepartmental and multidisciplinary working groups

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts (English Special), Bombay University
7th Year of the Course Diplôme d'Études Françaises, Toulouse University
Fulbright Foundation, Council of International Programs nominee for training in the United States, in the field of social services, April to August 1990
Salzburg Seminar Scholar at the 298th Session on Managing Non-governmental organisations, Salzburg, June 1992

**Professional experience**

National Representative to the European Union in the European Commission Network on Childcare and other Measures to Reconcile Employment and Family Responsibilities for Women and Men (Brussels, from 1990 until the end of the Network in 1995)
National Representative to the European Union in the Social Questions Working Party of the Council, during the discussion of the Medium Term Action Programme to Combat Exclusion and Promote Solidarity, Brussels, 1992-1994
National Representative to the United Nations in the inter-ministerial delegations for the consideration of reports submitted by Portugal on the implementation of the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1995 and 2000) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1995 and 2000)
National Representative to the to the United Nations in the annual Sessions of the Commission for Social Development, since 1998
National Representative to the to the United Nations in the preparatory process and in the 24th Special Session of the UN General Assembly during the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union (2000), particularly responsible for negotiating, on behalf of the EU, the review and appraisal of the progress of the Copenhagen Programme of Action and other initiatives concerning the commitments on poverty eradication, full employment, social integration, health and education, and international, regional and sub-regional cooperation for social development
National Representative to the to the United Nations in the preparatory process of the 2nd World Assembly on Ageing (WAA), as a facilitator of ad hoc negotiations and as a replacement for the Vice-President of the Western Europe and Others Group in the 1st Preparatory Commission in 2002

**Ministerial Appointments**

Representative of the State Secretary for Social Security in the OECD/CERI Project Children and Young People at Risk / Integration of Services, 1993/1995
Member of the inter-ministerial delegation to the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, 1996
Adviser to the State Secretary for Social Inclusion at the EU Ministerial Meeting on An European Code to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Women, Hague, March 1997
Representative of the State Secretary for Social Inclusion to the Commission for Social Services, at the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the Iberian American Social Security Organisation (OISS), Lisbon, November 1997
Staff member of the Cabinet of the State Secretary for Social Security from July 1998 to January 1999
Member of the inter-ministerial delegation to the Informal Meeting of the Ministers responsible for Equality between Women and Men, Berlin, 1999
Representative of the Ministry of Labour and Solidarity at the Iberian American Meeting in preparation for the 2nd World Assembly on Ageing, Bolivia, 2001
Representative of the Ministry of Labour and Solidarity at the open-ended working group for the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Berlin, 2002

**Current international appointments**

Member of the Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2003; representative of the Committee in the intergovernmental working group for the voluntary guidelines on the right to adequate food and in the technical working group for the draft harmonized reporting guidelines

**Recent presentations, research and publications**

Presentations and lectures

"Family Support Policies in European Countries: challenges and constraints", International Conference on Child Rights, Bucharest, February 2006
"Policy co-ordination in the areas of 'social inclusion' and 'economic, social and territorial cohesion'," The Future of the European Social Model: A German Perspective, Berlin, November 2005
"A protocol for what goals? What improvement is it likely to bring concerning Human Rights protection?", Seminar on an Optional Protocol to the ICESR, Nantes, September 2005
"Social Work and economic, social and cultural development – the Portuguese experience", 13th European Social Services Conference, Edinburgh, July 2005
"Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: the contribution of the CESCR for their protection and implementation", Coimbra, December 2004
"Conceptual framework for the justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights, in the context of drafting an optional protocol to the ICESCR", Lisboa, April 2004
Delivered lectures on several aspects of social action, social security and international cooperation, at universities and professional training programmes
Training modules on cooperation with the African Portuguese speaking countries; negotiation and partnerships in the field of international cooperation; policies for social groups
Definition of the syllabus and supervision of a Course on Social Action (5 months)
Coordination and supervision of trainees (university students and professionals)

Papers and Studies, on the following themes: social protection for handicapped persons, the social security system, gender equality, equal opportunities in the labour market, social European policy: evolution and limits, economic, social and cultural rights, family and ageing policies

Publications

"The future of economic, social and cultural rights", in The Essentials of Human Rights, Hodder § Stoughton, 2005
"Commission for Social Development: a forum for institutional collaboration and professional exchange", in The Global Dialogue on Social Issues, German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. 2005
"The role of ethnic associations in the transmission of cultural heritage", in Newsletter n° 23 of the High Commissioner for Immigration and Ethnic Minorities, November 2004.
"Chapter on Building partnerships at a local, national and European level – workshop debates", in Mind the Gap, edited by the European Social Network, 2000 (co-author)

"Familles Africaines au Portugal", in the Report of the Seminar on Local Authorities and Childcare Facilities, edited by the Institut de l'Enfance et de la Famille, 1996 (co-author)
"Portugal in European Social Services", edited by the European Institute of Social Services, University of Kent, October 1993
"Individualisation and the crumbling of the Welfare State", (to be published by Palgrave, in 2006)

**Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)**

Date of birth: 2 May 1940
Working language: English
Sex: Male

**Current position/function**

Distinguished Fellow at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), working on climate change and sustainable development issues

**Education**

Graduate in economics

**Professional experience**

Member of the Indian Foreign Service, 1962-2000
High Commissioner to Singapore (1981-84) and Tanzania (1984-86)
Head of the Indian delegation in the negotiations leading up to UNFCCC and the Rio Summit, 1992; Vice-chairman of the preparatory committees for both UNFCCC and UNCED
Ambassador to China, 1993-1996
Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg, 1996-2000
Advisor to the Indian delegation for COP meeting on climate change since 2002

**Publications**

*War and Diplomacy in Kashmir, 1947-8*

**Khoti Amos Chilomba Kamanga (United Republic of Tanzania)**

Place and date of birth: 18 September 1957, Shinyanga, Tanzania
Working language: Kiswahili, English, Russian, French (Intermediate)
Sex: Male

**Current position/function**

Senior Lecturer, Department of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Dar Es Salaam
Coordinator, Centre for the Study of Forced Migration (CSFM)

**Education and Training**

LL.M. (*Hons*), Diploma in Translation (English/Russian), Certificate in Teaching Russian, Patrice Lumumba University, Moscow, 1980-1986
Ph.D., USSR Academy of Sciences, Institute of African Studies, Moscow, 1987-1990
LL.M. in European Union International Trade Law, University of Amsterdam, 1996-1997
Trainee, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, June-July 1993
Trainee, Arusha School on International Criminal Law and Human Rights, *Avocats Sans Frontières*, European Law Students Association and NGOs Belgium, November-December 1995

**Recent Publications**

"International Refugee Law in East Africa: An Evolving Regime", *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, 2002, Vol. III, No. 1, pp. 25 - 35
"The (Tanzania) Refugees Act of 1998: Some Legal and Policy Implications", *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Vol. 18 No. 1, 2005, pp. 100 - 116
"Durable Solutions: The Option of Local Integration", Study Report submitted to the Prime Minister's Office, Government of the United Republic of Tanzania
Malawian Refugees in Tanzania: The Untold Story, forthcoming
"A Report from the Centre for the Study of Forced Migration", Dar es Salaam, Feature Article, RSC – *University of Oxford Annual Report 2000-2001*
"Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons in the Great Lakes Region: A Continuing Challenge", Conference paper, 'Peace, Security, and Governance in the Great Lakes Region' International Peace Academy, 2003, p 8
Kamanga et Rutinwa, Study on the Impact of Refugee Presence in Northwestern Tanzania, CSFM, 2003
"Changing Fortunes of Refugees in Tanzania: Law and Policy Developments", *Development Policy Management in Sub-Saharan Africa (DPMN) Bulletin*, Vol XI, No 1 October 2004
Kamanga et als (eds), The Refugee Convention at Fifty: A View from Forced Migration Studies, Lexington Books, 2003
"Durable Solutions: The Option of Integration", Study Report for the Prime Minister's Office, 2001

**Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)**

Date and place of birth: 17 July 1947, Constantine, Algeria
Working languages: French, Arabic, English
Sex: Male

**Current position/function**

Full Professor of International Public Law and Political Science, Faculty of Law, University of Constantine since 1993
Director of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory, University of Constantine

**Education**

Ph.D. in public international law, University of Montpellier, 1981
Masters degree in political science, University of Montpellier, 1979
Masters degree in public international law, University of Montpellier, 1978
Certificate in Human Rights, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1977
Bachelor's degree in law, University of Constantine, 1975
General Certificate of Education (*Baccalauréat Philosophie-lettres)*, secondary school, Paris, 1969-1970

**Professional background**

Chairman of the National Committee on Inter-Sectoral Research Programme of Law, Economy and Society, Algiers
Scientific Correspondent of the Euro-Mediterranean Consortium on Applied Research of International Migration, Firenze, Italy
Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Annals of the Maghreb-Mediterranean Laboratory (LERMM)
Visiting Professor at various universities: Glasgow (UK), Tessalonik (Greece), Toulouse (France), Aix-Marseille (France), Strasbourg (France), Bessari (Italy), Tunis (Tunisia)
Member of the Scientific Council of Euro-Mediterranean Observatory on Health and Environment of Marseille (France) since 2003
Member of the High Algerian Council of the Environment and Sustainable Development since 1997

**Current international appointments**

Member and Vice-Chairperson, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2003

**Publications**

Arab-African Cooperation: Dimensions and Prospects, Paris, Berger-Levrault, 1987.
Technology Transfer to Developing Countries: Institutional and Legal Aspects, Algiers, University Publications Office, 1991.
Security in the Mediterranean: Challenge and Strategy, Paris, Publisud, 1995.
Environment and Sustainable Development: Stake and Challenge, Paris, Publisud, 2000.
Environment in Algeria: Impacts on Ecological System and the Strategy of Protection, edited by A. Kerdoun et al, Constantine, University Editions, 2001.
"Euro-Mediterranean: The Process of Barcelona", in Questions, Constatine Editions, 2004.
Author of more than 70 publications and articles dealing with international cooperation in the field of international law, environmental law, human rights, constitutional law; among the latest:
"The Changing Contemporary Constitutional Law", Tunis University, 2005.
"Governance and Development for Africa: The Initiative of the NEPAD", in *le Quotidien d'Oran*, March 2005.
"Debt and International Law: Reflections on the Legal Approach of the Problem of Debt of Developing Countries", *Revue Juridique et Politique*, January-March 2005.
"The Right to Development as a Human Right", *Quebec Review of International Law*, vol. 17, 2004.
"Landmines and the Human Right to Environment", *Revue Juridique et Politique*, 2002.

**Awards**

Merited Scientist Researcher, Distinction from the Lord Mayor of Constantine, 2003
Laureate for the African-Mediterranean Prize of the French Association of Writers, 1988

**Yuri Kolosov (Russian Federation)**

Date and place of birth: 7 September 1934, Saint Petersburg
Working languages: Russian and English
Sex: Male

**Current position/function**

Head, Department of International Law, Moscow State Institute (University) of International Relations (University), since 1987; supervisor of 17 post-graduate students, including foreigners, on their doctoral theses.

**Education**

LL.D.degree, 1976
Ph.D. degree, 1966
Post-graduate course at Moscow State Institute of International Relations, 1963-1966
Legal advisor of the Department for Foreign relations, USSR Ministry of Civil Aviation, 1959-1963
Graduate of Moscow State Institute of International Relations, 1959

**Professional experience**

Diplomatic rank - Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, 1996
Senior Researcher, State and Law Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences, 1970-1973
Diplomatic service, USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1966-1970
Diplomatic Service, Legal and Treaty Department, Department of Humanitarian and Cultural Relations, USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1973-1987
Deputy Chief, Department of Humanitarian and Cultural Relations, USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1986-87
International Law Professor, 1982

**International appointments and other professional activities**

Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, since 2003
Member, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1991-1999
Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague since 1990
Member, International Academy of Astronautics since 1985
Member, International Institute of Space Law since 1980
Member, Executive Board, Russian Association of International Law since 1988
Vice-President, Moscow Association of International Law since 1992
Editor-in-Chief, "Moscow Journal of International Law" 1991-1997; President of the Editorial Board since 1998
Director, UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy, Moscow since 1994
Member, Board of Governors, Russian Children's Foundation since 1994

**Participation in recent international seminars and conferences**

Lecturing on various issues of international law at the universities of Montreal, Vienna, Thessaloniki, Milano, Florence, Ghent.
Member of Soviet (Russian) delegations in various organs at sessions of the UN General Assembly, the UN Commission on Human Rights, the Geneva meeting of the Council for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Vienna meeting of the CSCE, UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its Legal Sub-Committee, UNESCO meetings, diplomatic conferences on the Hague and Montreal conventions against unlawful interference into civil aviation, establishment of INMARSAT, Joint Consultative Group on the Reduction of Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, III-rd Peace Conference of 1999, etc.

**Principal publications**

"Responsibility in International Law", Moscow, 1975 (also published in Slavonic in Bratislava)
"Working towards Peaceful Outer Space", Moscow, 1984
"International Space Law", New-York, 1984 (co-author with G. Zhukov)
"Mass Media and International Law", Moscow, 1974 (also published in German in Leipzig)

"International Law", Text-book, Moscow, 1994 (author of several chapters and co-editor-in-chief), 1998, 2nd edition, amended and revised
"The USSR and International Cooperation in the Sphere of Human Rights", Moscow, 1989 (Documents and materials with commentary co-editor)
"International Cooperation in the Sphere of Human Rights", Moscow, 1993 (Documents and materials with commentary; co-editor)
"International Law in Contemporary World", Moscow, 1991 (co-author and editor)
"International Humanitarian Law", Moscow, 1995 (Documents with commentary; co-editor)
"Current International Law", Vol.I-III, Moscow, 1996-97, (Documents with commentary; co-editor)
"International Law. Text-book", Moscow, 2000 (author of several chapters and co-editor)
Author of more than 200 publications dealing with international cooperation in the field of human rights, law of treaties, outer space law, air law, law of international organizations, humanitarian law, international responsibility, etc.

**Awards**

"Merited Scientist of the Russian Federation", 1995

**Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)**

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1947, Quito
Working languages: Spanish and English
Sex: Male

**Current position/function**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ecuador to Switzerland since 2003

**Education**

George Washington University Space Law, 1986
Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Faculty of Law, 1966-1972

**Professional experience**

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2001-2003
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, various occasions
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Chile, 1997-2000
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria, 1995-1997
Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1992-1995
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to Italy, 1990-1992
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro, 1989-1990
Administrative Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1987-1988
Political Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1988-1990
Head of Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 1978-1980

**International appointments and membership in professional societies**

Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 1987
Member, Hispano-Luso-American Institute of International Law, Madrid
Lifetime Member, International Institute of Space Law, Paris
Member, *Ateneo Ecuatoriano de Letras*, Quito

**Publications**

Books

Dacáveres: Relatos Perversos (Corpses: Perverse stories), Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 2004 (short stories)
Itinerario de Trenes (Railway Timetable), Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 2000 (novel)
Destino Estambul (Destination Istanbul), Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 1997 (novel)
La Otra Vestidura (The Other Dress), Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 1991 (novel)
Derecho Internacional del Espacio: Teoria y Politica, 2nd. ed. (International Space Law: Theory and Politics), Madrid, Editorial Civitas, S.A, 1990

Articles on human rights

"Los derechos económicos, socials y culturales en el contexto de América Latina" (Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Context of Latin America), paper presented in a Seminar on Human Rights, organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Economic Commission for Latin America, Santiago, June 2004.
"La Carta Andina de Derechos Humanos" (The Andean Charter of Human Rights), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito, 2001.
"La justiciabilidad de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales" (The justiciability of economic, social and cultural rights), lecture at a workshop on "Elaborating Strategies for the Promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Buenos Aires, October 2001.
"El sentido de las obligaciones de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales" (The meaning of obligations of economic, social and cultural rights) Asociación de Funcionarios Ecuatorianos del Servicio Exterior (AFESE) magazine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Quito, 1998.
"Los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en el derecho internacional" (Economic, social and cultural rights in international law), lecture at the First Seminar on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organized by Ecuador's National Congress (Quito, Ecuador, 1997)

**Awards**

Great Cross of the "Orden Nacional Honorato Vásquez" of the Republic of Ecuador, Quito, 2003
Great Cross of the "Orden de San Carlos" of Colombia, Bogotá, 2001
Great Cross of the National Order to the Merit "Bernardo O'Higgins" of Chile, Santiago, 2000
Great Cross of the "Orden del Libertador San Martín" of Argentina, Buenos Aires, 1994
Great Cross of the "Orden Nacional Do Cruzeiro Do Sul" of Brazil, Brasilia, 1994

Great Cross of the "Orden Nacional al Mérito" of Paraguay, Asunción, 1993
Great Cross of the "Orden Antonio José de Frisarri" of Guatemala, Guatemala, 1993
"Encomienda de Número de la Orden del Mérito Civil de Su Majestad el Rey Juan Carlos de España," Madrid, 1980

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**Current position**

Chair of German and Comparative Public Law, European and International Law, University of Mannheim since 1993
Managing Director, Institute for Inland Navigation Law, University of Mannheim since 1997
Director, Institute for Medical Law, Public Health and Bioethics, Universities of Heidelberg and Mannheim since 1997
Director of Studies for International Law and Examiner Foreign Office, Bonn/Berlin, since 1989

**Education**

"Habilitation" for Public and International Law, with post-doctoral thesis, "Theory of Human Rights Standards", 1983-1986, published 1986
Second State Examination in Laws, Hamburg, 1975
Dr. iuris, Kiel, with thesis, "Control of Administration in English Administrative Law" (*summa cum laude*), State Prize for thesis 1975, published 1976
Studies in Law, University of Kiel; First State Examination in Laws, Schleswig, 1967-1971
LL.B. Honours, Associate of King's College (A.K.C.) (Theology), Studies in Law and Theology, King's College, London 1963-1967

**Main professional activities**

Honorary Adjunct Professor, University of Adelaide, Australia; Visiting Professor, University of Kingston, London, since 2001
Visiting Professor, University of Surrey/Guilford; University of Jena; Korean University, Seoul; University Paris X-Sceaux; Kingston University, London; University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, USA, since 1989
Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Mannheim, 1997-2001
Dean of the Faculty, 1989-1990
Chair of Public and International Law and Director, Institute of Public Law, and of the Department of International Law, University of Marburg, Marburg, 1986
Professor of Public and International Law, University of Mainz, 1983-1986
Senior Research Assistant, University of Kiel, 1980-1983

Research Assistant, Institute of International Law, University of Kiel, 1975-1980
Lecturer in German Law, University of Surrey, and Assistant in Comparative Law and Jurisprudence, King's College, London, 1972-1973

**Major appointments and membership in professional societies**

Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 1997, Vice-Chair of the Committee since 1999; Member, Joint Expert Group, Committee on Conventions and Recommendations of UNESCO and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, since 2002
Committee Member, German Association of Comparative Law and Chairman, Comparative Public Law Section
Board Member, German Institute for Human Rights, since 2003

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**Current position/function**

Project consultant to the United Nations (UNDP-Colombia) since May 1998

**Education**

Doctorate in history (*mention très bien*), University of Paris
Post graduate studies in Agricultural Development and Planning, Institute of Economic and Social Development Studies (IEDES), Paris, 1975
Law and political science, University of Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia

**Main professional activities**

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Colombia to Switzerland, 1992-1995
President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) of the Organization of American States (OAS), 1995
Full professor at the National University of Colombia, Institute of International Relations
Ambassador on special mission to present the report of Colombia to the Human Rights Committee of the United Nations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
Presidential Adviser on Human Rights in Colombia
Permanent member of the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Colombia

**Current international appointments**

Member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2003

**Other main activities in the field of relevance**

Delegate of Colombia to the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, 1989
Participant at the preparatory meeting for the World Conference on Human Rights, held in Costa Rica, and participant at the United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna in 1993, as a member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
Presentation, in the capacity of President of IACHR, of report on Haiti at the meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs held during the General Assembly of the OAS in Haiti
Participant at the Regional Conference on Extreme Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, Cartagena, Colombia, 1988

**Recent publications in the field**

Introducción a la Historia Económica de Colombia (Introduction to the economic history of Colombia), National University of Colombia, 1971
Integración y Democracia en América Latina y el Caribe (Integration and democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean), Buenos Aires, Institute for Latin American and Caribbean Integration (INTAL), 1997
Sobre Historia y Literatura (On history and literature), Bogotá, Simón and Lola Guberek Foundation, 1991